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CAPITAL AND THE CITY'S PERIMETER DEFENSE. IN RESPONSE, SOVIET FORCES HAVE EMPLOYED OUTRAGING ARTILLERY AND ROCKETRY FAR MORE FREQUENTLY AND HAVE SET UP NEW PERIMETER DEFENSE POSTS. REFLECTING INCREASED SOVIET SECURITY CONCERNS, SOVIET TROOPS DETAINED A GROUP OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS AND DIPLOMATS AT KARGHA LAKE FOR FOUR HOURS, OCTOBER 9. SIMILARLY, SOVIET TROOPS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE IN ASSURING THE SECURITY OF SOVIET CONVOYS MOVING THROUGH THE CITY. FIGHTING AROUND KANDAHAR IS INTENSIFYING. IN MAZAR-I-SHARIF, SOVIET CIVILIANS ARE MOVING BACK TO AN AREA ABANDONED FOR SECURITY REASONS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. A REGULAR VISITOR TO KABUL CLAIMS THAT CITY IS INCREASINGLY FUNDAMENTALIST. ON THE EVE OF THE PDPA PARTY CONFERENCE NAJIB HAS TAKEN A TOUGH LINE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

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C. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: MUJAHIDIN GROUPS REPORTEDLY ARE FIGHTING AMONGST THEMSELVES IN JAUZJAN. REPORTS SUGGEST THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 60 PLO ASSOCIATES IN KABUL. END SUMMARY.
C. (C) KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: A CAR BOMB IN THE SHAHR NAU SECTION OF KABUL, AT 1940, OCTOBER 8, APPEARS TO HAVE PRODUCED MORE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE INCIDENT IN THE CITY SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION.

(THE AUGUST 1985 KARGHA AMMO DUMP EXPLOSION WAS IN ONE OF KARGHA'S OUTLYING DISTRICTS.) RESIDENTS AND SHOPKEEPERS IN THE BLAST AREA PUT THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES WELL ABOVE THE REGIME COUNT OF 27 DEAD AND OVER 30 WOUNDED. UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES RUN AS HIGH AS 72 DEAD AND OVER 100 WOUNDED. WESTERN DIPLOMATS ON THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BLAST TEND TO CORROBORATE THE HIGHER FIGURE. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLAST HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH SPECULATION. SOME SAY THE PRESENCE OF THE EXPLOSIVE-LADEN VEHICLE IN A CLOSELY MONITORED, NO-PARKING AREA MAY INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE WAS AN OFFICIAL ONE, POINTING TO FACTIONAL FEUDING AS BEING BEHIND THE BOMBING. AREA RESIDENTS REPORT REGIME FORCES CONDUCTED A BOMB SEARCH IN APARTMENTS IN THE AREA 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE BLAST. REGIME AUTHORITIES TOOK NO ACTION, HOWEVER, TO CORDON OFF THE AREA -- ACTION WHICH AREA RESIDENTS POINT OUT WOULD HAVE SAVED LIVES. IN ADDITION TO THE "SHAHR NAU" BOMBING, SEVERAL OTHER BOMBS WERE REPORTED IN THE CITY THAT EVENING. THERE ARE SEVERAL CONFIRMED REPORTS OF ROCKETS IMPACTING IN THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY DURING THE WEEK. SOVIET AND DRA SECURITY WAS TIGHT ON THE NIGHT OF THE BOMBING AND THE FOLLOWING EVENING. SOVIET FORCES HAVE CONTINUED

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW POSITIONS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE

CITY. SEE PARA 13, "MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS" FOR

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW DEFENSIVE MEASURES. KABUL 1792

AND 1796 PROVIDE MORE DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF THE "SHARP

WAO" SITUATION. THE FOLLOWING MAJOR SECURITY RELATED

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INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN THE CITY DURING THE WEEK:

--OCTOBER 03: A BOMB DETONATED IN NORTHERN KABUL AT

1800 (A RELIABLE AFGHAN REPORTS THE BLAST IN THE TAIMANI

AREA, EAST OF THE AIRPORT. NO FURTHER DETAILS

AVAILABLE.) A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTED A SECOND

EXPLOSION, PROBABLY CAUSED BY A BOMB AT 1930. BETWEEN

2242 AND 2250, APPROXIMATELY 12 ROCKETS STRUCK THE AREA

BETWEEN KHAIR KHANA AND THE AIRPORT (NORTH KABUL).

--OCTOBER 05: AFGHAN AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORT

INCOMING ORDNANCE AT 0200.

--COMBAT IN THE PROVINCES--

4. KABUL PROVINCE: MUJAHIDIN PRESSURE ON THE KABUL

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PERIMETER CONTINUED TO BUILD THIS WEEK WITH DAILY AND NIGHTLY OUTGOING ARTILLERY AND ROCKET FIRING AS WELL AS NUMEROUS REPORTS OF INCOMING MUJAHIDIN ORDNANCE TO THE NORTH, WEST AND SOUTH.

A. KABUL WEST: MUJAHIDIN STEPPED UP ROCKET ATTACKS ON THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE CITY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROBING THE SOVIET/DRA WESTERN KABUL PERIMETER. THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WEST OF THE CITY HAVE BEEN RELIABLY REPORTED:

--OCTOBER 9: A SOVIET ARMORED COLUMN MOVED TOWARD PASHMAN TOWN AT 2022Z.

--OCTOBER 7: INCOMING ROCKETS STRUCK THE KARGHA AREA AT 0722Z.

--OCTOBER 3: A SARANDI OFFICER WAS INJURED WHEN HIS VEHICLE STRUCK A MUJAHIDIN-PLANTED MINE NEAR KARGHA LAKE. SIX ROCKETS HIT THE KARGHA AREA AT APPROXIMATELY 2422Z DURING THE EVENING. THERE WAS INTENSE FIGHTING IN

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THE KARGHA AREA.

LATE REPORTS RE PREVIOUS WEEK:

--OCTOBER 2: MUJAHIDIN KILLED FOUR DRA OFFICERS AS THEY SAT IN THEIR VEHICLE NEAR KARGHA LAKE.

--SEPTEMBER 30: MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN THREE HAZARA-MANNED DRA POSTS AT DASHTI BACHI, APPROXIMATELY TEN KMS SOUTH OF PASHMAN TOWN.

--SEPTEMBER 29: TWO HELICOPTERS CRASHED AT JUNAGHAF, FIVE KMS SOUTH OF PASHMAN TOWN. TWO ROCKETS STRUCK THE

GOLF COURSE NEAR KARGHA LAKE DURING THE EVENING. ALSO DURING THE EVENING THREE POSTS IN THE KARGHA SECTOR OF THE PERIMETER WERE ATTACKED FROM THE WEST.

--SEPTEMBER 25: TWO SOURCES REPORT APPROXIMATELY 20 ROCKETS IMPACTED INTO THE KARGHA DISTRICT DURING THE NIGHT.

B. KABUL SOUTH: MUJAHIDIN ROCKETED THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE LARGE SOVIET BASE SOUTHWEST OF IAPULAMAN (SOUTH KABUL) MUCH OF THE WEEK WITH FREQUENT ROCKETS FOR THE MOST PART IMPACTING INTO THE SEPARATING EAST PERIMETER. ON OCTOBER 10, BEGINNING AT 1645 AND CONTINUING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, DIPLOMATS OBSERVED MUJAHIDIN, OPERATING FROM BEHIND THE HYDRABAD RIDGE WHICH BORDERS THE BASE ON THE SOUTHWEST, SCORE REPEATED HITS ON THE BASE, SETTING OFF FIRES AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. AN AFGHAN REPORTS THE MUJAHIDIN ALSO HIT A DRA BASE AT GULBAGH, SOUTH OF THE CITY, KILLING ONE DRA SOLDIER AND WOUNDING THREE OTHERS. AMONG OTHER DEVELOPMENTS TO THE SOUTH OF KABUL, RELIABLE DIPLOMATS AND AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

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LAUNCHER FIRE COUPLED WITH SEVERAL CONFIRMED REPORTS OF INCOMING ROCKETS MADE THE NORTHERN SECTOR THE MOST ACTIVE SEGMENT OF THE KABUL PERIMETER DURING THE WEEK.

DIPLOMATS OBSERVED MULTIPLE POCKET LAUNCHER FIRE FROM WITHIN THE KHAIR KHANA PASS, DIRECTED NORTH, AND DAYTIME IMPACT OF ORDNANCE FIRED FROM KHAIR KHANA TO AN AREA SOUTH OF SHARADARA. AN AFGHAN REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE DASH-TI CHANTARA AREA (NORTHWEST OF THE KHAIR KHANA PASS) ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 4-5.

D. KABUL EAST: THE EASTERN SECTOR WAS RELATIVELY QUIET WITH ROCKETS OBSERVED IMPACTING SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 10. EARLIER, OCTOBER, DIPLOMATS OBSERVED HEAVY ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES ON THE WEST FACE OF KOD-I-SAFI NEAR DEH SABZ KHAS. THE GUNS APPEARED TO BE FIRING FROM TARABHEL. FIVE KMS NORTH EAST OF THE AIRPORT.

E. (LOC) KANDAHAR: KANDAHARIS REPORT FIGHTING OUTSIDE

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THE CITY IS INTENSIFYING, PARTICULARLY TO THE WEST AND TO THE SOUTHEAST. REPORTEDLY, SOVIET FORCES ARE ON THE OFFENSIVE WEST OF THE CITY BUT ON THE DEFENSIVE TO THE SOUTHEAST. DAMAGE INSIDE THE CITY NOW EXTENDS TO THE

URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM AS SOVIET AND DRA FORCES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY FILLING IN MUCH OF THE SYSTEM WHICH THE MUJAHIDIN HAVE USED IN THE PAST TO INFILTRATE THE CITY. KANDAHARIS HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ARRIVAL ONE MONTH AGO OF APPROXIMATELY 1500

"COMMANDOS" FROM JAUZJAN IN THE CITY. THE DRA UZBEK TROOPS, UNDER THE COMMAND OF SOVIET OFFICERS (OR AT LEAST WITH SOVIET OFFICER ADVISORS -- SOURCES DIFFER) REPORTEDLY ARE TIGHTLY DISCIPLINED BUT ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD THE ETHNIC PASHTOON MAJORITY OF KANDAHAR.

MUJAHIDIN ROCKETS STRUCK THE KANDAHAR HOSPITAL ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 7, CAUSING SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

F. (LOC) BALAH: A TRAVELLER FROM MAZAR-I-SHARIF REPORTS THAT IN RECENT MONTHS HUNDREDS OF SOVIET CIVILIANS HAVE MOVED INTO THE TAFAZOZAD AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY WHERE THE KABUL ROAD ENTERS THE CITY. THE AREA, APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES, HAS AN OIL FACILITY AT ITS CENTER. THE AREA WAS OCCUPIED BY SOVIET CIVILIANS UP TO TWO YEARS AGO BUT WAS EVACUATED BECAUSE OF MUJAHIDIN

PRESSURE FROM THE DESERT AREA TO THE EAST. IN RECENT MONTHS CONSTRUCTION OF LOW RISE APARTMENT BLOCAS FOR AFGHAN CADRE HAS SECURED THE EASTERN PERIMETER ALLOWING THE SOVIETS TO MOVE BACK. SOVIET TROOPS REPORTEDLY ARE POSITIONED WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA. THE SOVIET CIVILIANS HAD BEEN LIVING IN THERMZ AND COMMUTING DAILY

TO WORK IN NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION AT HABRATAN AND IN NEARBY OIL AND GAS FACILITIES. THE TRAVELLER, A RESIDENT OF MAZAR, REPORTS ALSO THAT YOUNG MEN ARE LEAVING THE

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 OPERATIONS AIMED AT RECRUITMENT FOR THE IRA ARMY. IN
 GENERAL, THE CITY IS DESCRIBED AS QUIET THOUGH FIGHTING
 OUTSIDE THE CITY CAN BE HEARD MOST NIGHTS. THE NSA
 FORMING THE WFLA CONDUCTED A ONE-DAY TOUR TO
 NASHVILLE, TENN. FOR DIPLOMATS. A SCHEDULED TRIP TO BALTIMORE

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 FLIGHT WAS CANCELLED, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF HIGH WINDS.
 IN RECENT REPORTED MILITARY ACTION IN THE PROVINCE:
 AROUND OCTOBER 3, MUJAFIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET POSITION
 ONE KM FROM NAZAR-I-SHAHR. IN MID-SEPTEMBER MUJAFIDIN

ENGAGED A SOVIET UNIT AT SANGIHOBAK, APPROXIMATELY 20 KMS
SOUTHWEST OF MAZAR. FIFTEEN TO TWENTY SOVIETS WERE
KILLED AND TWO TO THREE CAPTURED.

7. (LOC) KUNDUZ: AN EAST EUROPEAN TRADE ATTACHE HAS REPORTED LOW PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN THE PROVINCE THIS YEAR (NORMALLY A PRINCIPAL CROP) DUE TO GOOD RAINS THIS SPRING. (COMMENT: AFGHANS FROM THE AREA EARLIER NOTED THAT EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF CROPS HAD REDUCED

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE. PARTICULARLY IRREGULAR
DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT RECENTLY MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED THE
CITY OF INAN SHIE, FAR THE SOVIET BORDER, KILLING OR
ACQUINING 12-15 SOVIET TROOPS.

7. (LOU) HERAT: A FREQUENT VISITOR TO HERAT OBSERVED
THAT THE POPULATION OF HERAT IS CHANGING. WHEREAS THE
CITY IN THE PAST WAS KNOWN AS A LIBERAL CITY WITH A
PEOPLE NOTED FOR THEIR TOLERANCE IT HAS IN RECENT YEARS
BECOME CONSERVATIVE/FUNDAMENTALIST WITH MOST MEN WEARING
BEAPES AND MANY MEN WEARING CHADARS. HE ASSESSED THAT
IRANIAN RADIO BROADCASTS, EASILY MONITORED IN THE CITY,
WERE HAVING A HEAVY, CUMULATIVE IMPACT.

8. (LOU) HERAT: AFGHAN AND DIPLOMAT SOURCES REPORT THE
FOLLOWING INCIDENTS IN THE PROVINCE:

--OCTOBER 5: MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY AT
ALIABAD (POSSIBLY ALLAHABAD, 32°33'N 67°42'E)
DESTROYING 7-- ARMORED VEHICLES AND SEIZING TEN TRUCKS.

--OCTOBER 6: A. BAKH SARIEH (33°17'N 62°39'E)

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MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED ONE SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLE AND ONE
TRUCK IN HERAT CITY. ON 10/11 THE MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED
ONE DVA VEHICLE KILLING THREE TROOPS.

10. (LOU) FARAH: ON OCTOBER 6 MUJAHIDIN OVERTOOK A DVA
POST ONE KM FROM BAGRAM AIRBASE, KILLING THE SOLDIER AND
ACQUINING FOUR.

11. (LOU) FARAH: IN EARLY OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO A
DIPLOMATIC SOURCE OF UNTESTED RELIABILITY, THE MUJAHIDIN
SHOT DOWN ONE HELICOPTER NEAR AROST.

12. (LOU) FARAH: THE MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY ARE IN
CONTROL OF AROST-A-SHERCA (34°22'N 68°46'E). THE SINGLE
DVA CO FOUND IN THE TOWN IS VIRTUALLY UNDER SIEGE WITH
TROOPS INSIDE HAVING TO CHANGE INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES
BEFORE LEAVING (COMMENT: IF TRUE, THE MUJAHIDIN FROM
THIS POSITION COULD STRENGTHEN THEIR ALREADY STRONG HOLD
ON THE ROAD THROUGH NOTH KAPDAK TO THE HAZARAJAT AND
INCREASE THEIR THREAT TO THE KABUL TO KANDAHAR ROAD (SEE
ROAD SECURITY, PARA 18)).

13. (LOU) FARAH: A REGIME-SPONSORED JIRGA, OCTOBER 10,
PROCLAIMED THIS PROVINCE BORDERING IRAN A PEACE ZONE.
THIS SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENTS THE REACHING OF A
COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGIME AND RESISTANCE
GROUPS. DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THAT PROCLAMATION OF THIS
FIRST PROVINCE-WIDE PEACE ZONE IS INTENDED AS GESTURE OF
CONCILIATION TOWARD IRAN AND SIGNAL OF ALLEGED PROGRESS
OF "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" POLICY BEFORE IMPENDING
PARTY CONFERENCE.

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14. 1967 MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

A. ARMY SECURITY: VERY HEAVY ONGOING ARTILLERY AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER FIRE, COUPLED WITH PRESUMED USE OF GRADE BOMBS, NIGHTTIME HELICOPTER SURVEILLANCE OF TR

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CITY AND GIANT PARACHUTE CLUSTER GEARS AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DEFENSE POSTS IN THE CITY'S OUTSKIRTS POINT TO RISING SOVIET SECURITY CONCERNS, ONE EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT CLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF MUJAHIDIN INTENTIONS TO "PARASS" THE CITY IN COMING WEEKS.

SIGNIFICANTLY, INCREASED FOCKETING OF THE CITY PERIMETER AND COLLING DISTRICTS OF THE CPITAL APPEAR TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THE SOVIET CONCERNS. IN THE MOST OBVIOUS MANIFESTATION OF SOVIET EFACTION, SOVIET TROOPS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THREE NEW PCSTS ON PERIMETER ROAD WHICH WERE FIRST NOTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION SEPTEMBER 30. IN ADDITION TO DOUBLE BARBED WIRE AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE POST AT THE END OF THE KABUL AIRPORT RUNWAY, IT AND ANOTHER

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POSTS ON THE ROAD HAVE INSTALLED RAPID CONTROL SCANS. ALL THESE POSTS HAVE RAPIDLY EVOLVED INTO SUCH STATION. THREE TO FOUR ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS ON PERMANENT STATION.

B. EXTENSION OF MILITARY TOURS: A RELIABLE AFGHAN REPORTS GROWING DISSENSION WITHIN THE DRA MILITARY OVER THE REGIME DECISION NOT TO RELEASE FROM SERVICE ISSUED TROOPS WHO HAVE ALREADY SERVED MORE THAN THEIR MANDATED TOURS.

C. REGIME OFFERS TO BUY WEAPONS: THE REGIME MEDIA OCTOBER 14 ANNOUNCED A REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DECISION TO BUY WEAPONS (EVEN STINGERS) FROM MUJAHIDIN DEFEATING FROM THE RESISTANCE. (COMMENT: THE PLAN APPEARS TO BE OF SOVIET DESIGN, REVEALING IGNORANCE OF AFGHAN, PARTICULARLY PASHTUN TRADITION: FOR A MAN TO SELL HIS WEAPON TO HIS ENEMY, BY CUSTOM AND TRADITION, WOULD BRING THE SELLER GREAT DISHONOR.

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D. AIR ACTIVITY: NIGHTTIME AIR ACTIVITY CONTINUED HEAVY EXCEPT WHEN BAD WEATHER LIMITED FLYING CONDITIONS. THIS WAS PRIMARILY AN-12 AND AN-26 AIRCRAFT WITH SOME HELICOPTERS.

15. (LGH) SOVIET DEPARTMENT: SOVIET TROOPS DETAINED A

TEAM OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS AND A GROUP OF DIPLOMATS AT KARGHA LAKE, OCTOBER 9, FOLLOWING WHAT THE SOVIETS ALLEGED WAS UNAUTHORIZED FILMING OF A SOVIET POSITION. THE BRITISH CHARGE WAS STOPPED AT GUNPOINT. THE DETENTION CONTINUED FOR FOUR HOURS DESPITE DIRECT ORDERS FROM DRA MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR THAT THE FOREIGNERS SHOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. A SOVIET LIEUTENANT ON THE SCENE COUNTERMANDED THE ORDER. A SOVIET LT. COL. WHO APPEARED ON THE SCENE TO TAKE CHARGE SUPPORTED THE SOVIET LIEUTENANT IN HIS REFUSAL TO RESPECT THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S DIRECT ORDER. AMONG THE DIPLOMATS WERE THE U.S. AND BRITISH CHARGES D'AFFAIRE, A SWEDISH MINISTER COUNSELOR FROM THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI, THE WIFE OF THE AUSTRIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND THE DEPUTY UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND HIS WIFE. (SEE KABUL 1793 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS. AMEMBASSIES ISLAMABAD AND NEW DELHI MAY WISH TO DRAW ON KABUL 1793 TO BRIEF JOURNALISTS.)

E. A SENIOR SOVIET OFFICER LOOKS AT THE WAR FROM THE FIELD: A SOVIET LT. COLONEL, IN CONVERSATION WITH DIPLOMATS, RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE WAR AND AFGHANISTAN: AFGHANISTAN IS A WAR WITHOUT RULES. THE ENEMY IS NOT SEEN. THEORETICAL TEACHING IN THE MILITARY ACADEMIES DOES NOT PREPARE FOR THIS KIND OF WAR. IN COMPARISON WITH THE SOVIET MILITARY, AFGHAN SOLDIERS ARE WEAK MILITARILY AND PHYSICALLY... WITHDRAWAL

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OF SOVIET FORCES WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF PAKISTAN ENDED ITS
INTERFERENCE...THERE ARE DIVISIONS IN THE (PDRA)
PARTY...SOVIET ARTILLERY FIRES AT SUSPECTED ENEMY

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POSITIONS BUT ONLY AFTER RECEIVING DRA ASSURANCES THERE
ARE NO "PEACEFUL RESIDENTS" IN ZONE...SOVIET OFFICERS ARE
REQUIRED TO PERFORM THREE MONTHS OF DUTY WHILE IN
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16. (LNU) HUMAN RIGHTS: APPARENTLY REFLECTING INCREASED SOVIET SECURITY CONCERNS (SEE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS PARA 14) SOVIET TROOPS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE

ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SECURITY FOR CONVOY MOVEMENT
INSIDE KABUL. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT ON
SEPTEMBER 29 IN THE LAHARI DARWAZA AREA SOVIET TROOPS HAD
BLOCKED TRAFFIC IN ADVANCE OF MOVEMENT THROUGH THE
INTERSECTION BY A LOGAR-BOUND SOVIET CONVOY. TWO AFGHAN
VEHICLES, ONE A DRA MILITARY VEHICLE AND THE OTHER A
CIVILIAN TRUCK, WERE FIRED UPON BY A SOVIET SENTRY AS
THEY ATTEMPTED TO CROSS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION IN
ADVANCE OF THE COLUMN. ONE DRIVER, A DRA SOLDIER, WAS

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WOUNDED, A WOMAN PASSENGER IN THE TRUCK WAS KILLED IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT, A DIPLOMAT WITNESSED SOVIET TROOPS IN THE REAR OF A JALALABAD-BOUND CONVOY FIRE UPON A TAXI WHICH SOUGHT TO OVERTAKE THE CONVOY. IN THE SAME WEEK, A DIPLOMAT MOVING WITH A SOVIET COLUMN WAS HALTED AT JUNGLE AND DIRECTED TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD BY A SOVIET SENTRY.

17. (LOC) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: A RAISIN EXPORTER NOTED THAT THE RAISIN CROP AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT THIS YEAR WILL BE 30 PERCENT BELOW THE PREVIOUS YEARS NOTWITHSTANDING EXCELLENT RAINS THIS SPRING THAT SHOULD HAVE ASSURED A VERY GOOD YIELD. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE POOR HARVEST WAS THE RESULT OF EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF GRAPES (AND OTHER CROPS) IN THE PRINCIPAL RAISIN-GRAPE PRODUCING AREAS: THE SEOMALI (NORTH OF KABUL), THE GHAZNI AREA AND THE RICH AREAS SURROUNDING THE CITY OF KANDAHAR. HE NOTED THAT MAZAR-I-SHAHRI'S PRODUCTION WAS EXCELLENT. WHILE THE HARVEST IN THE HERAT AREA WAS GOOD, MOST OF THESE GRAPES ARE EATEN AND NOT PROCESSED INTO RAISINS.

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THE EXPORTER EXPLAINED THAT THE RAISINS, TRADITIONALLY ONE OF AFGHANISTAN'S LEADING EXPORTS, HAD SUFFERED DECLINES SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION DUE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ARBORS AND GROWING COMPETITION BY CALIFORNIA RAISINS IN TRADITIONAL AFGHAN MARKETS SUCH AS GREAT BRITAIN. SHE ESTIMATED THAT 80 PERCENT OF AFGHANISTAN'S RAISINS NOW WERE EXPORTED TO THE SOVIET UNION WITH ONLY 20 PERCENT GOING TO WESTERN COUNTRIES. WHILE AFGHAN MERCHANTS DISLIKE TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF SOVIET INSISTENCE ON BARTER, MANY AFGHAN TRADERS ARE NOW TURNING TO THE SOVIET UNION AS A MARKET BECAUSE OF SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT POORER QUALITY (E.G. UNCLEANED) RAISINS.

18. (LOC) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. CONVENING OF PDPA PARTY CONFERENCE: FESTOONING OF CITY BUILDINGS WITH BANNERS, FLAGS AND LIGHTS APPEARS TO SIGNAL THE IMMINENT CONVENING OF THE PDPA'S SECOND PARTY CONFERENCE. A GATHERING OF OFFICIAL CARS ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 11 AT THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF BABRAX KARMAL, NOW REPORTEDLY THE RESIDENCE OF KARMAL LOYALIST AND HALF-BROTHER, SUGGESTS HEIGHTENED ACTIVITY AMONG SOME OF THE FACTIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE.

B. NAJIB REJECTS TWO TRACK THEORY: NAJIB, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE, APPEARED TO REJECT SUGGESTIONS THAT HAD SURFACED IN SOME QUARTERS THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES MIGHT PROCEED IN TANDEM WITH CREATION OF A NEUTRAL INTERIM ADMINISTRATION. HE STATED: "THE TIMETABLE (FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS) IS NOT THE BASIC QUESTION... WHEN THE QUESTION OF

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CESSATION OF INTERFERENCE AND ITS NON-RESUMPTION IS

SOLVE THEN THE LIMITED CONTINGENT OF THE SOVIET UNION
WILL RETURN ... LOGICALLY, THE FORM OF (AFGHANISTAN'S)
GOVERNMENT COMES AFTERWARD...

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C. POLITICAL HUMORS: POLITICAL HUMORS REGARDING

IMPENDING LEADERSHIP CHANGES AROUND. AMONG THEM: A

DIPLOMAT CLAIMS THAT INTERIOR MINISTER GULABZOI HAS

TURNED DOWN A PROPOSAL WHICH NAJIB INSISTED ON, NAMELY.

THAT HE REPLACE HIS CURRENT BODYGUARD WITH AHEAD

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PERSONNEL. GULABZOI NOW REPORTEDLY IS MOVING HIS

RESIDENCE FREQUENTLY AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION. PARTIALLY

AS A RESULT OF THEIR RECENT VISITS TO MOSCOW, MINISTER OF

DEFENSE RAFFE AND OF COMMUNICATIONS WATANJAP ARE BEING

TOUTED FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS. GULARZOI AND RAFIE ARE
 THOUGHT TO BE AT CEDS.

19. (LOU) ROAD SECURITY:

A. SAEJI TO KANDAHAR LOCAL: KANDAHARIS REPORT THAT THE

KABUL TO SAMAFAR ROAD HAS REMAINED CLOSED TO VIRTUALLY

ALL NON-MILITARY TRAFFIC SINCE APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER

U. S. HEAVY FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN ZABO PROVINCE.
PANDARANIS REPORT THAT, EVEN BEFORE THE MUJAHEDIN SACK ON.

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TRAVEL ON THE ROAD, TRANSPORT ON THE ROAD WAS BAD.
B. KANDAHAR TO HERAT ROAD: S A. KANDAHAR REPORTS THAT THE
KANDAHAR TO HERAT ROAD REQUIRES TWO TO THREE NIGHTS
TRAVEL TIME. MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY ARE IN STRONG
CONCENTRATIONS AT AHRISER AND AWSMATAT. THE DRA IS IN
STRENGTH AT ALSHNAHAUD.

20. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS:

A. MUJAHIDIN INFIGHTING: AN AFGHAN SOURCE FROM JAUZJAN
REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN GROUPS AT KHOLM (36°42'N 68°41'E)
ARE IN DISPUTE. THE TWO PRINCIPAL FACTIONS ARE THE LOCAL
HEZBI ISLAMI GROUP LED BY MALWEN AKRAM AND THE JAMIAT
GROUP LED BY HAMIDULLAH SAGBASHI. A NEW COMMANDER IN THE
AREA, MALIM KASAIL, LEADER OF A HARIKAT GROUP, HAS SIDED
WITH THE HEZBI GROUP AND IS SAID TO BE A CATALYST FOR THE
PROBLEMS. IN THE KHOLM AREA, SOVIETS OCCUPY A HILLSIDE
POSITION BUT SELDOM COME NEAR KHOLM.

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B. PLO REPRESENTATION IN KABUL: A RELIABLE SOURCE
REPORTS THE PLO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN KABUL IS SIX
DIPLOMATS. IN ADDITION THERE ARE 55 PLO "STUDENTS" EACH
OF WHICH RECEIVED A DRA SUBSIDY (STIPEND) OF 100 DOLLARS
(US) PER MONTH. THE PLO CHIEF OF MISSION RECEIVED 50,000
AFGHANIS PER MONTH FROM THE DRA. (COMMENT: THE PLO

PRESENCE TWO YEARS AGO WAS LARGER.)

21. (LCJ) MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. GLASSMAN

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